

**In the First Reading we have the story of the tempting of Adam and Eve, and in the Gospel the story of the tempting of Jesus.** They are two very sophisticated stories, and are not meant to be taken literally. Jesus is the new Adam, who by his obedience restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam (see Second Reading). He is also the new Israel. Like the first Israel he too was tested in the desert. But whereas the first Israel was found wanting, Jesus remained faithful to God.



**The Building on Faith, Growing to Serve Capital Campaign** had a successful Commitment Weekend celebration, moving even closer to our goal by raising close to \$130,000 over the weekend. The total donations and pledges we have received so far total just over \$1.4 million. We are so thankful for the generosity of our community; your support of the campaign has been wonderful. We will continue to take pledges and donations over the next couple of weeks and update the campaign totals. We will also be sure to keep the community updated when projects supported by the campaign start to develop further. Thank you again for your incredible support of St. Alphonsus Church and School.



**You are invited to come listen to Terri Smith, from the MIR Group, this Sunday in the Church after the 5:30 p.m. Mass for a talk with information on a Medjugorje Pilgrimage which is planned for May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**



**During Lent, Stations of the Cross** will be conducted each Monday morning immediately after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, each Friday afternoon by the school children at 2:30 p.m. (adults welcome), and Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Way of the Cross followed by Mass.

**St. Alphonsus Lenten Mission  
March 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Year of the Eucharist: Each night a Priest from Our Diocese will give a talk on Mass and Adoration.

Sunday, March 19th after 5:30 Mass:  
Fr. Mike Snyder: Introduction and Personal Testimony

Monday, March 20th, 7:00 p.m.  
Fr. Mike Austin, Holy Family Parish

Tuesday, March 21st, 7:00 p.m.  
Fr. Mike O'Connor, Our Lady of the Gulf Parish

Wednesday, March 22nd, 7:00 p.m.  
Fr. Godfrey Andoh, N.B.V.M. Cathedral

Thursday, March 23rd, 7:00 p.m.  
Fr. Adam Urbaniak, Our Lady of Victories Parish

Each night we will have a time of Adoration, Reflection and Talks on the Eucharist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.



**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Maria Szekunda
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>
Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Anita Grace White
8:15 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. William (Joyce) Staehle, Jr.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11-29-32	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Betty Bellande-Toland
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 2</b>
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Holly Salters
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lan Thi Nguyen
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Nettie Mansfield Cirlot
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>
Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ron Fournier
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 5</b>
Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Hammond
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Steve Zito
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Bonnie Senseney

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$7,947.57  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,455.00  
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Barney Banks, Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland and Margaret Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Pat Cronin, Billy Cruthirds, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Dale Dorcik, Marjorie DuBois, Nija Fountain, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Nancy Letort, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaie, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Thomas Peresich, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Linda Smith, Leonard Tarrant, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Mar 1: Parent Meeting** Reconciliation/First Communion, 5:30 p.m.  
**Confirmation Class:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Mar 2: RCIA:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., First Confessions  
**Mar 4: First Reconciliation,** in the Church, 9:30 a.m.  
**Mar 5: Adult Study Class,** after 9am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Room  
**Faith Formation Classes,** Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 10:15 a.m.  
Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org)  
**RCIA Rite of Election** at Nativity BVM Cathedral, 2:00 p.m.  
**Edge Class,** 4:00 p.m.; **Life Teen Class,** 6:30 p.m.  
Contact Will Haislmaier at [whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org)

**Fr. Mike Snyder and Fr. Mike Austin will conduct a Prayer Service for Healing, Deliverance, Forgiveness, Breaking of Curses and Soul Ties** on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. All are invited.



**The St. Al's Women's Small Group** will meet Sundays during Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross and discuss reflections from *The Paschal Mystery* from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room. Come every week or just one. Childcare is available upon request. Please text Sheila Kowalewski (228.217.6349) or Ashley Rodriguez (410.693.8825) for more information and/or to join the GroupMe.

**You are invited to an HOUR OF GRACE** at Nativity BVM Cathedral in Biloxi on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. HOUR OF GRACE is a time of encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ present to us in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar; an opportunity to lift our voices and hearts to Christ in worship as He pours His graces upon us. Come and be renewed by the Lord!



**Please join us for a Parish Potluck** on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the KC Hall. We will showcase 35 Eucharistic Miracles and hear from two guest speakers on Eucharistic Adoration. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy an evening with our St. Alphonsus family! Feel free to BYOB. Paper products will be provided. For questions, contact Beth McMackin at 228-324-4188.



**St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night** on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. This is an evening for all to come and worship the Lord in the presence of His Eucharistic body. There will be music and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. We hope to see all of our parishioners at XLT and encourage all families to come. This is a great time to lay the burdens of everyday life at the feet of God and be filled with His peace.



**Evening of Intercession - Intercessory prayer:** You are invited to come and be a part of this night as we continue to learn to intercede and pray with faith in God's love, and with confidence and persistence, even to the point of bargaining with God. No petition is too small! Jesus calls us to join him in interceding for ourselves, our families, our friends, and even for those who may not like us. To ask God to soften our hearts and help us stay open to the mystery of the way he is at work among us. Join us on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Please bring your rosary. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)



**The 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Mass Music Ministry is searching for musicians and vocalists to play/sing in their group. If interested, please see Erwin Gaines after the 5:30 p.m. Mass or leave your name and number with the Church Office.**

**Altar Society Members for this week  
MA Kanode, MA Bounds, B Fournier, L Ravera**

**ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL**

**Mar 3:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m. / Stations of the Cross, 2:30 p.m.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**Feb 28:** JH Soccer Banquet, 6:00 p.m.  
**Mar 1:** PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.  
**Mar 2:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.  
**Mar 4:** Prom, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
**Mar 5:** JH Cheerleading Banquet, 12:00 pm



**Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith**

In the most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." This presence is called "real" because it is the Presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial Presence by which Christ, God, and man, makes himself wholly and entirely Present. CCC1374  
Jesus is truly Present in our chapel. Take some time this lent to come and visit Him.

To view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour you have 3 options:

1. Go to the adoration website at [stalphonusus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonusus.weadorehim.com)
2. Scan the QR code



3. Click on the My Parish app, click the button 'Parish Info' and you will find 'We Adore Him Adoration Sign Up'

Once you have gotten to the website, click on Sign Up (if you don't already have an account) or Log In (if you have an existing account). You will need to create a password. If you cannot remember your password, click forgot password and create a new one. You will then gain access to the schedule to view available hours. It is important that you sign up as this will enable you to receive upcoming adoration event information as well as help in the safety of all who attends Adoration (i.e. receiving update of door code). If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please reach out and call 228-282-0984. We are happy to help you navigate!



**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Ocean Springs** will be celebrating its second year anniversary in March and you are invited: All clothing half-off every day; cupcakes served every Saturday; celebration cake and coffee March 21<sup>st</sup>; Book Nook Book Sale in front of store March 25<sup>th</sup> (bag of books \$1). Thank you for your generous donations and purchases!! Volunteers are needed! Call 228-334-5222 for more information.



**You are invited to a Lenten Mission at St. Thomas the Apostle in Long Beach March 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.** The night will begin in the St. Thomas Community Center with a Lenten Supper and Meet and Greet with Charles and Linda Walden at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Mission Talk at 6:30 p.m.

**WHO ARE YOU CALLED TO BE?** A Meditation on service to the "least of these". Is your heart in your faith? Or sometimes do you feel like you are just going through the motions? Maybe you're attending Mass, putting money in the collection basket, or maybe even an occasional volunteer? Is something missing? Throughout the Gospels, we are called to follow Christ, but what does that mean in today's world? St. Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians that: "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Our speakers, Charles and Linda Walden, have been following Christ, walking in good works. Their answer to Christ's call to care for "the least of these" has taken them from the mountains of Haiti to lonely hospice rooms, from time spent with women in need to time spent with men behind bars. Come listen to their inspirational stories and challenges. Be ready for that final judgment when, called before the throne of God, we will be asked to attest to what we did "for one of these least ones." For more information, contact: Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835 or [religionseducation@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:religionseducation@saintthomaslb.org).